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A BOILER EXPLOSION? YOU CAN COME UP WITH A BETTER FIB THAN THAT, CLUTCH...
LIKE WHAT, BREAKER? A SMALL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT? METEOR SHOWER? IF I TOLD THEM THE TRUTH, THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE ME--
--YEAH, WE JUST FOUGHT OFF THE COMBINED COBRA LAND AND AIR FORCES IN A PITCHED BATTLE ON THE CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS' CROQUET COURTS... SURE. UH-HUH. NOD NOD. WINK WINK...
...SPEAKING OF WINKS-- HOW'S MY FAVORITE LITTLE INFILTRATOR? SCARLETT, YOU JUST HAVEN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE SNAKE-EYES HAULED YOU BACK FROM WHEREVER YOU DISAPPEARED TO *...
WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY; "ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER."
REALLY? IF I HAD KNOWN YOU FELT--
--IN YOUR CASE, I GREW FOND OF YOUR ABSENCE.
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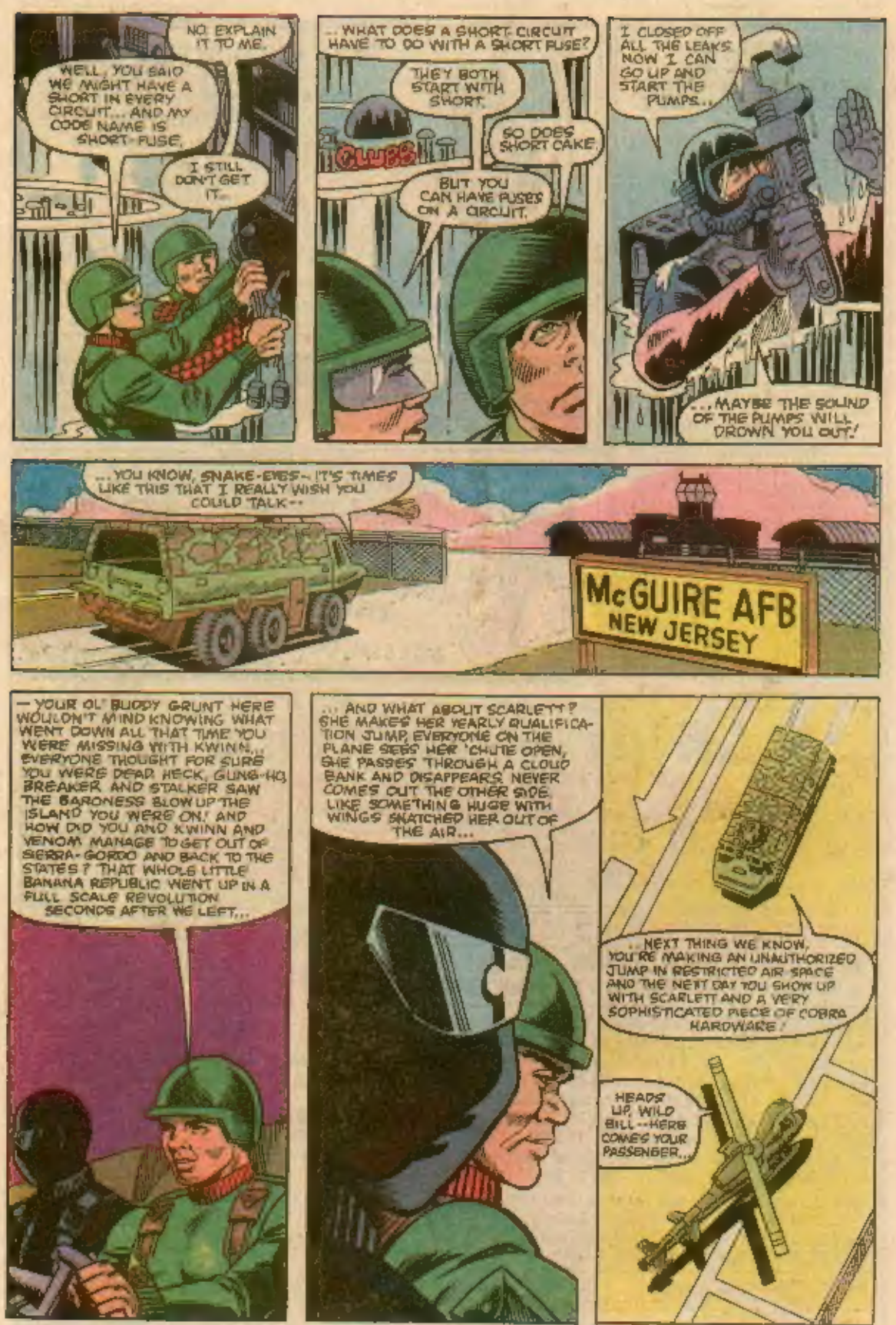
YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO THAT ONE, CLUTCH!
YEAH. THANKS FOR THE WARNING, BREAKER.
HAWK, THE CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS ARE BACK...
...THAT'S GOING TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR US TO WORK ON RESTORING THE "PIT."
WRONG ON TWO COUNTS--
--THEY'LL JUST KEEP US ON OUR TOES, SHARPEN OUR EYE FOR SECURITY. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO SIMPLY RESTORE THE "PIT." WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT BETTER AND MORE IMPREGNABLE WITH MORE EFFICIENT SURFACE ACCESS AND HARDER DEFENSES...

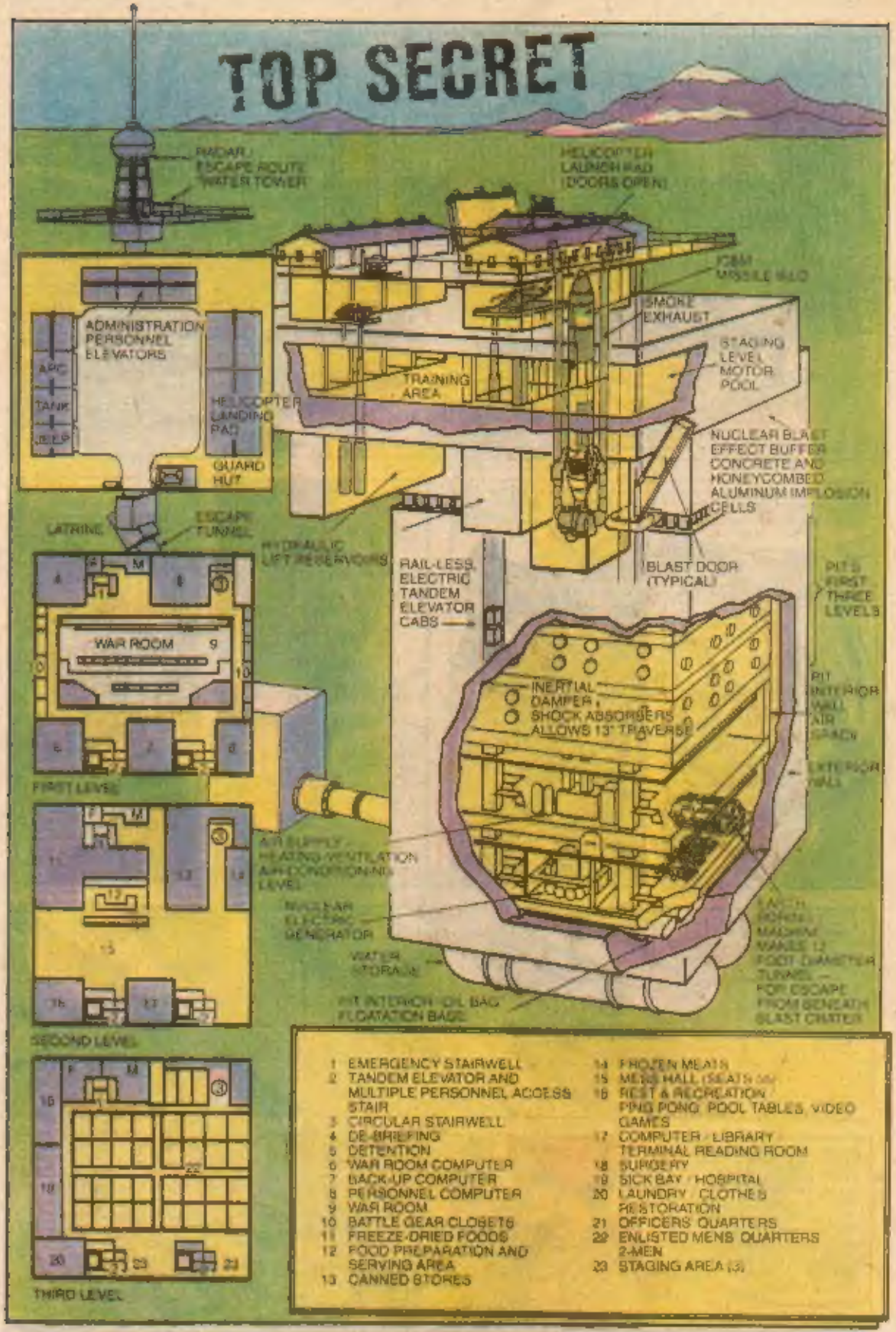
...IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME AND MAN-POWER. WE'LL NEED EVERY JOE WE CAN MUSTER WORKING ON THE "PT" AROUND THE CLOCK. ANY ASSIGN-MENTS THAT COME UP WILL BE HANDLED BY SMALL HIGHLY-SPECIALIZED TEAMS.
...YOU GUYS BETTER START LOOKING LIVELY DOWN THERE! THE WEATHERMAN PREDICTS RAIN FOR TOMORROW.
...SO IF YOU DON'T REINFORCE THOSE SUPPORT BEAMS IN TIME, THE ADDED WEIGHT FROM ALL THAT WATER GONNA BRING THE ROOF DOWN ON YOUR HEADS!
I HEAR YOU, ZAP! IT'LL ALSO PULL THE FLOOR OUT FROM UNDER YOU!
THAT'S O.K., I'M WEARING THE JET-PACK TOMORROW!
YOU DO THAT!
LET'S GET EVERYTHING SHORED UP TODAY AND NOT TELL ZAP! I WANNA SEE HIM SWEAT ALL DAY TOMORROW WITH THAT HEAVY JET-PACK.
MAN, THAT TIMBER RIGHT ABOVE US LOOKS TO BE IN BAD SHAPE. MAYBE WE OUGHTA BRACE IT FIRST--
ALL THE TIMBERS ARE IN BAD SHAPE. WE CAN'T--
IT'S GOING!
NOW!

WHOA! CUT IT OUT DOWN THERE! I WAS JUST FOOLIN'!
JAM THAT BRACE IN THERE!
TOO LATE! WE DIDN'T GET IT WEDGED IN FAR ENOUGH!
'ACCK KV!
DIABLE! YOU DON'T HAVE THE LEVERAGE FROM DOWN THERE!
HELP ME UP THERE, ROCK 'N ROLL!
YOU GOT IT, GUNG-HO!
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A SLEDGE HAMMER TO--
HAMMER?
I DON'T NEED--
--NO STINKIN' HAMMER!
ALL CLEAR, ZAP! WE'VE GOT THE SITUATION SQUARED AWAY DOWN HERE!
NICE BEAM...

I THINK YOU GUYS ARE MESSIN' WITH MY HEAD! YOU DIDN'T RATTLE THE ROOF ON PURPOSE DID YOU?
WHO, US?
NOT HARDLY.
BETTER GET THE JET-PACK, TURKEY.
FOUR LEVELS DOWN...
COVER GIRL, I'LL BET YOU'RE WONDERING WHY I VOLUNTEERED TO HELP YOU AND "TRIP-WIRE" GET THE LIVING QUARTERS BACK INTO SHAPE.
THE QUESTION NEVER CROSSED MY MIND, SNOW JOB-- BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME ANYWAY.
YOU BET. YOU MIGHT THINK A MACHO GUY LIKE ME WOULD FIND HAULING AROUND POTS AND PANS TO BE A SISSY JOB. THAT'S YOUR FIRST MISTAKE. I'M NOT A MALE CHAUVINIST PIG LIKE ALL THE OTHER GUYS...
YOU'RE NOT?
RIGHT! I'M FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION ALL THE WAY. EQUALITY, THAT'S THE TICKET! I MEAN, WHY SHOULD THE GUY HAVE TO PAY FOR EVERYTHING ON A DATE?
BROTHER! YOU ALMOST HAD ME GOING FOR A MOMENT THERE--
HEY! I'M BARING MY SOUL AND--
KEE-RRAASH!
TRIP-WIRE!
MEANWHILE, IN THE COMPUTER BAY...
I WISH TORPEDO WOULD HURRY UP AND FIX THE WATER LEAKS SO WE CAN GET THE JUICE TURNED BACK ON DOWN HERE. WE COULD HAVE A SHORT IN EVERY CIRCUIT...
RIGHT NOW, YOU'VE GOT A "SHORT-FUSE" ON THIS CIRCUIT, HAR-HAR!
GET IT, FLASH?


NO, EXPLAIN IT TO ME.
WELL, YOU SAID WE MIGHT HAVE A SHORT IN EVERY CIRCUIT... AND MY CODE NAME IS SHORT-FUSE.
I STILL DON'T GET IT...
...WHAT DOES A SHORT-CIRCUIT HAVE TO DO WITH A SHORT FUSE?
THEY BOTH START WITH SHORT.
SO DOES SHORT CAKE.
BUT YOU CAN HAVE FUSES ON A CIRCUIT.
I CLOSED OFF ALL THE LEAKS NOW I CAN GO UP AND START THE PUMPS...
...MAYBE THE SOUND OF THE PUMPS WILL DROWN YOU OUT!
...YOU KNOW, SNAKE-EYES--IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS THAT I REALLY WISH YOU COULD TALK--
McGUIRE AFB
NEW JERSEY
--YOUR OL' BUDDY GRUNT HERE WOULDN'T MIND KNOWING WHAT WENT DOWN ALL THAT TIME YOU WERE MISSING WITH KWINN... EVERYONE THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU WERE DEAD. HECK, GUNG-HO, BREAKER AND STALKER SAW THE BARONESS BLOW UP THE ISLAND YOU WERE ON! AND HOW DID YOU AND KWINN AND VENOM MANAGE TO GET OUT OF SIERRA-GORDO AND BACK TO THE STATES? THAT WHOLE LITTLE BANANA REPUBLIC WENT UP IN A FULL SCALE REVOLUTION SECONDS AFTER WE LEFT...
...AND WHAT ABOUT SCARLETT? SHE MAKES HER YEARLY QUALIFICATION JUMP, EVERYONE ON THE PLANE SEES HER 'CHUTE OPEN, SHE PASSES THROUGH A CLOUD BANK AND DISAPPEARS. NEVER COMES OUT THE OTHER SIDE. LIKE SOMETHING HUGE WITH WINGS SNATCHED HER OUT OF THE AIR...
...NEXT THING WE KNOW, YOU'RE MAKING AN UNAUTHORIZED JUMP IN RESTRICTED AIR SPACE AND THE NEXT DAY YOU SHOW UP WITH SCARLETT AND A VERY SOPHISTICATED PIECE OF COBRA HARDWARE!
HEADS UP, WILD BILL--HERE COMES YOUR PASSENGER...

THAT'S RIGHT, AIRBORNE -- I GUESS YOU FIGURED OUT THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING ON THIS FLIGHT...
IT WASN'T HARD WHAT WITH KWINN'S BODY AND A KAYAK TIED TO THE SKIDS. I RECKON SNAKE-EYES IS SEEING TO IT THAT HIS FRIEND GETS AN ESKIMO SEND-OFF...
...MAKE SURE THAT THE BEAR SPIRIT CAN FIND HIS WAY THROUGH THE SEA AND WIND...
--TO MERGE WITH THE GREAT SPIRIT...
...UNTIL THE DEATH OF TIME...
WE'RE OFF, SNAKE-EYES...
--TO MONTAUK POINT ON THE EASTERN TIP OF LONG ISLAND!
HAWK, THESE PLANS CALL FOR MORE THAN JUST A MAJOR OVER-HAUL OF THE "PIT"! THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO BUILDING A SIX STORY OFFICE BUILDING UNDER-GROUND AND IN SECRET! THIS'LL TAKE YEARS!
WE'RE GOING TO DO IT IN SIX MONTHS. WE CAN GET A LOT OF MANPOWER FROM GENERAL FLAGG'S PENTAGON STAFF. THEY'VE GOT CLEARANCES AND THE KNOW-HOW...



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MAN, GUNG-HO GUZZLES THAT MESS-HALL FRUIT PUNCH AS IF HE LIKES THE STUFF!
HE DOES, HECK, HE EVEN LIKES C-RATION HAM AND LIMAS!
DIS-GUSTING!
HI, COVER-GIRL! FANCY MEETING YOU HERE! I WAS THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR KITCHEN DUTY AGAIN AND--
OOPS!
LISTEN UP, JOES!
FORGET IT, SNOW JOB.
TRY TO GET AS MUCH DONE TODAY AS [illegible]SIBLE. WE'RE KNOCKING OFF TOMORROW TO FLY DOWN TO WASHINGTON FOR GENERAL FLAGG'S FUNERAL.
DEEP IN COBRA HEADQUARTERS...
POW! POW! POW!
ANOTHER BULLSEYE! BRING OUT A TARGET OF THAT NEW JOE. WHAT'S HER NAME? COVER-GIRL?
COBRA COMMANDER! I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU--
I'M BUSY, DESTRO!
GET THAT TARGET UP THERE!

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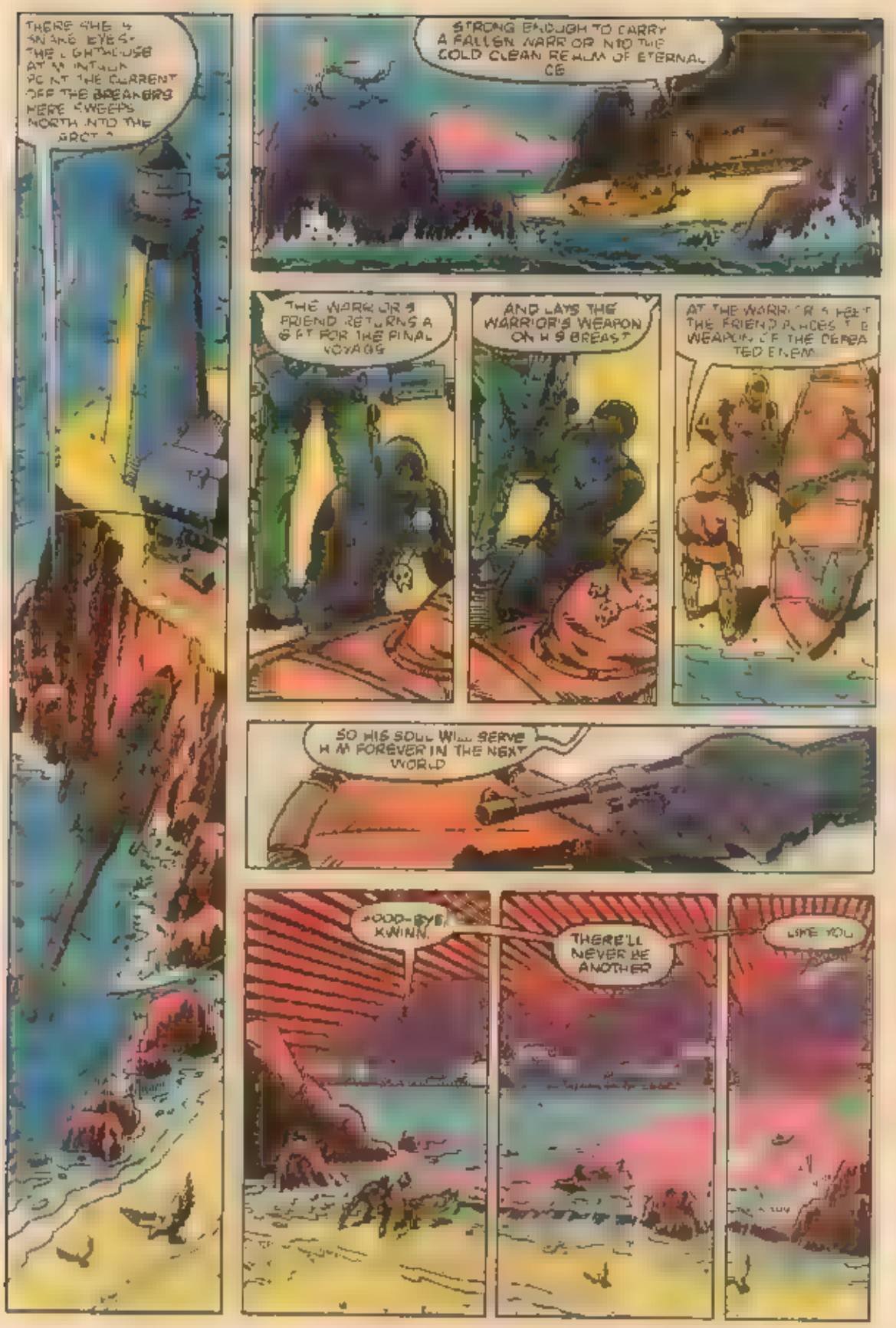
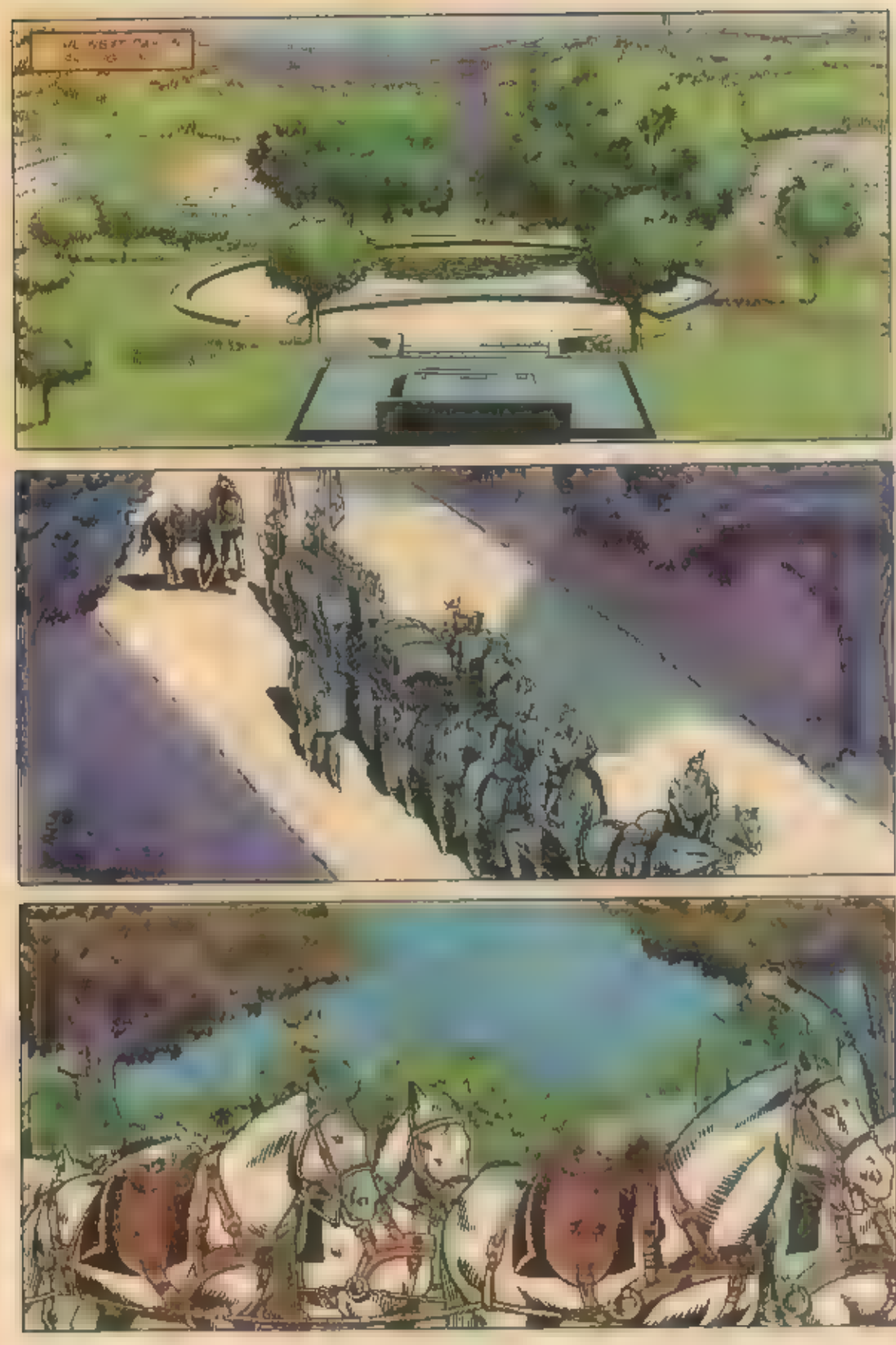
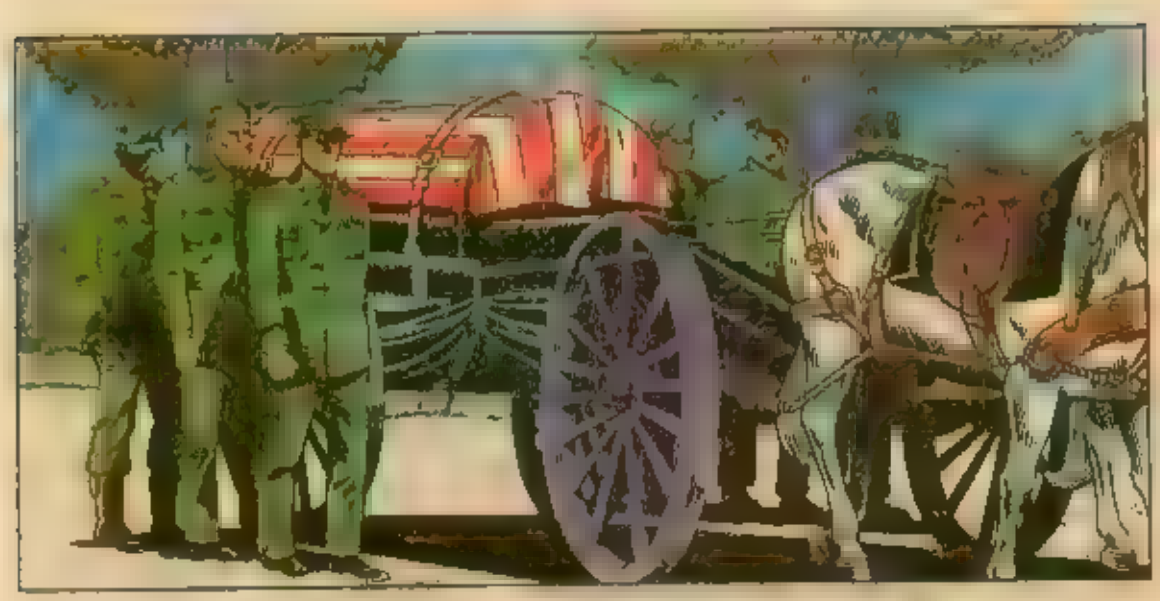
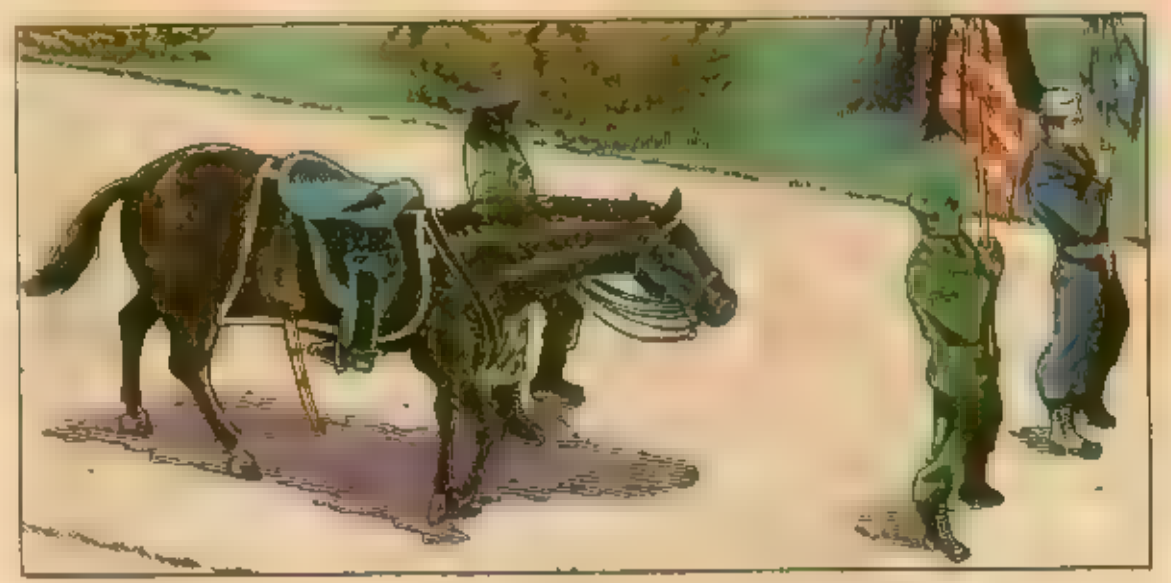

THERE SHE IS SNAKE EYES- THE LIGHTHOUSE AT MOUNTAIN POINT THE CURRENT OFF THE BREAKERS HERE SWEEPS NORTH INTO THE ARCTIC
STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY A FALLEN WARRIOR INTO THE COLD CLEAN REALM OF ETERNAL ICE
THE WARRIOR'S FRIEND RETURNS A GIFT FOR THE FINAL VOYAGE
AND LAYS THE WARRIOR'S WEAPON ON HIS BREAST
AT THE WARRIOR'S FEET THE FRIEND PLACES THE WEAPON OF THE DEFEATED ENEMY
SO HIS SOUL WILL SERVE HIM FOREVER IN THE NEXT WORLD
GOOD-BYE, KWINN.
THERE'LL NEVER BE ANOTHER
LIKE YOU

SOON EVERYTHING WILL BE BETTER
THE BERN INSTITUTE OF RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY
DR HUNDTKINDER WILL MAKE EVERYTHING BETTER...
E-EVERYTH-THING?
BE PATIENT MY DEAR WE'RE ALMOST THERE
AH GUTEN TAG YOU MUST BE SEBASTIAN BLOOD
YES, INDEED. DR HUNDTKINDER
BITTE COME IN, COME IN
AND THIS MUST BE THAT SPECIAL PATIENT YOU WROTE ABOUT IN YOUR CABLE FROM MONTREAL A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING A LAMBHORGHINI COUNTACH, I BELIEVE
UH, QUITE MAY I PRESENT THE BARONESS UM DECOBRAY
BARONESS DECOBRAY? I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE TITLE
I THOUGHT WE WERE BEING DISCREET
WE DISCUSSED THE PRICE OF SURGERY DISCRETION IS EXTRA
P-PAY THE SWINE





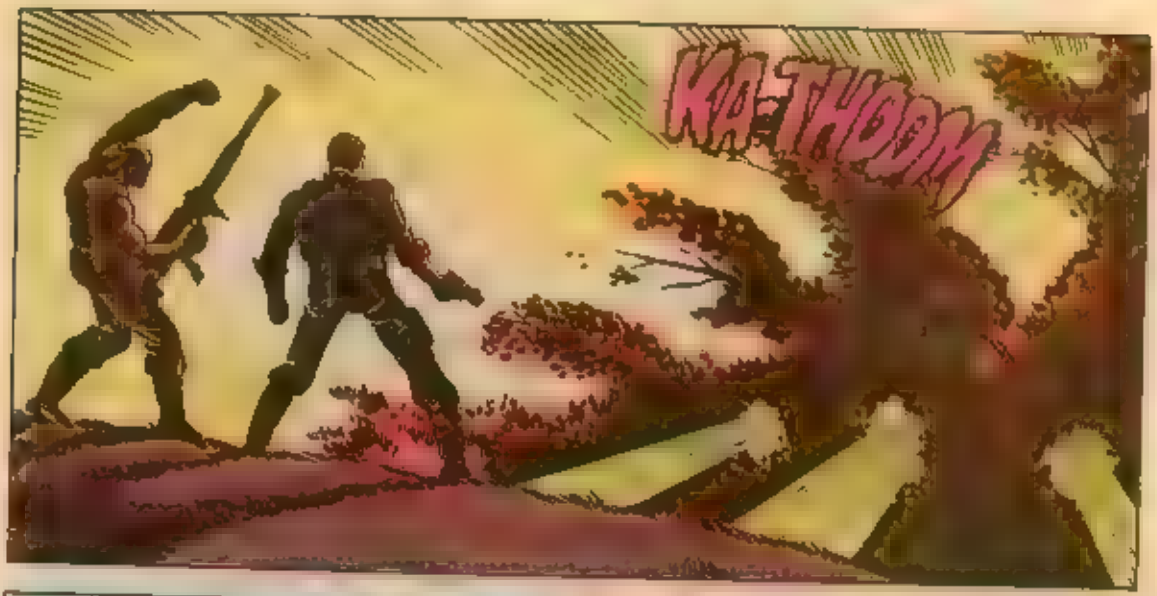


QUIT FIDGETING COVER-GIRL THIS IS--
CLUTCH-- THAT PLANE

IT'S COMING STRAIGHT AT US"
RATTLER ONE TO COBRA COMMAND I HAVE VISUAL CONTACT WITH THE TARGET
MISSILES ARE NOW ARMED
FIVE SECONDS TO LAUNCH

FOUR SECONDS
WE'RE TRAPPED IN THE OPEN! NO COVER
HE'LL BE IN RANGE IN SECONDS!
HE'S NOT SHOOTING HOLES IN MY FLAG

RATATATATATATATAT
RAT
ATATATATATATAT
POW
POW
POW


KA-THOOM

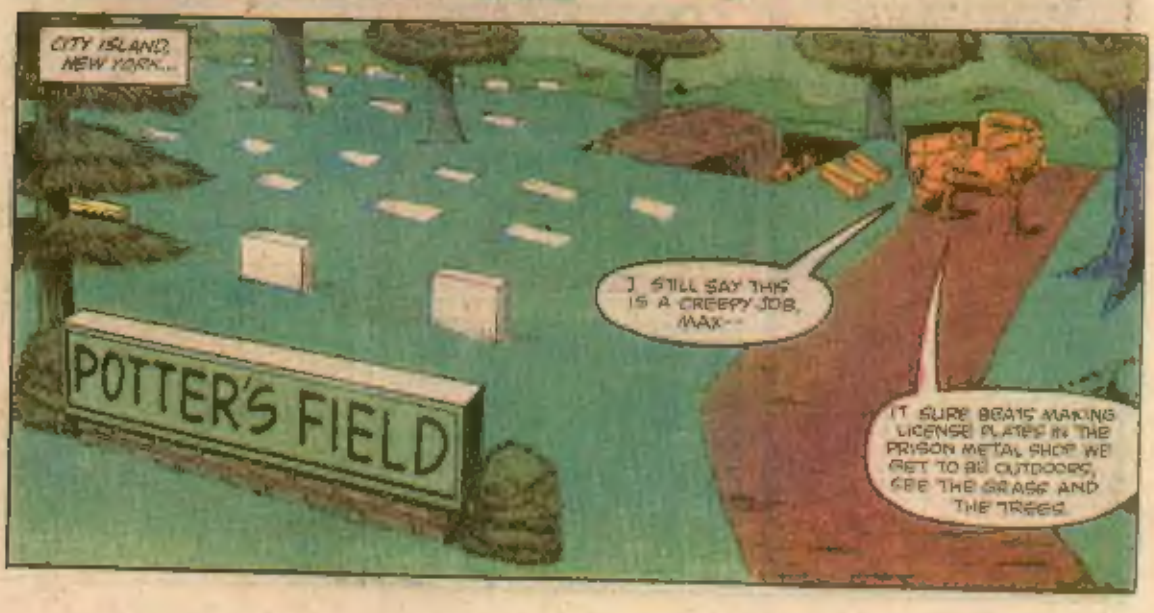
YOU'VE GOT TO BE A NEW JOE, 'CAUSE IF THE BAD GUYS CAN HAND-HOLD A .50 CALIBER BROWNING I'M GIVING UP!
THEY CALL ME ROADBLOCK. I'M THE NEW HEAVY MACHINE-GUNNER ON THE G.I. JOE TEAM...

ROADBLOCK? GLAD TO SEE YOU, I'M ROCK 'N ROLL. THAT WAS SOME FINE SHOOTING YOU DID THERE! I MEAN IT! MOST GUYS CAN'T EVEN LIFT A FULLY LOADED .50 LET ALONE KNOCK DOWN AN ATTACK PLANE WITH ONE...
YOU MUST BE THE PROVERBIAL BADDEST DUDE ON THE BLOCK!
BAD? ME? I'D RATHER MAKE CRÊPES AND BAKE SOUFFLÉS THAN FIGHT ANY DAY!

YOU WANT HARD? YOU WANT CONCENTRATED MEANNESS TIED UP WITH CONCERTINA WIRE AND KASH MARKS? THAT'S YOUR MAN STANDING OVER THERE WITH THE SMOKING M11 IN HIS HAND...

...BUT YOU BETTER WIPE THAT SMILE OFF YOUR FACE 'FORE YOU LOOK AT HIM, OR HE'LL WIPE IT OFF FOR YOU!

I'M DUKE, THE NEW TOP SERGEANT AROUND HERE, AND THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON...
I'M GOING TO MAKE THE SORRY LOT OF YOU INTO SOLDIERS!


CITY ISLAND, NEW YORK...
POTTER'S FIELD
I STILL SAY THIS IS A CREEPY JOB, MAX--
IT SURE BEATS MAKING LICENSE PLATES IN THE PRISON METAL SHOP! WE GET TO BE OUTDOORS, SEE THE GRASS AND THE TREES!

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